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METHOD )

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Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 24, 2003, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. A copy of the German patent document is also enclosed.

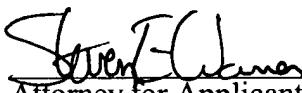
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		DE 198 05 875	04/08/1999	Germany			Abstract

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Taiwanese Office Action dated November 8, 2004, issued in corresponding Taiwanese patent application number 92117473, with English translation.

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